

ABCD: Art Building Children's Dreams (UK)



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School Uniforms

In April, 2015 Morden Rotary Club agreed to donate £500 to continue with the replacement of school uniforms for the children of Lyamungo Sinda Village in Tanzania. At a cost of just under £10 each we commissioned 45 uniforms and payed a village seamstress along with two of her helpers to make these uniforms (thus creating work within the village). This, as stated earlier (see Q1 report here) is in addition to CDN\$600 donated by Ndenny Meakins now living in Saskatoon, Canada but born in the village. Ndenny's donation kick-started the programme.



Phase 1 of the programme began on 12 May (thanks to Ndenny) with phase 2 (sponsored by Morden Rotary Club) delivered in the beginning of June. Meanwhile Phase 3 is being sponsored by ABCDreams (UK). We are looking for further funding for next year ([see this link to our Justgiving page](#)). The uniforms are distributed to the graduating classes of the primary schools firstly in honour of the children's achievement at that level and secondly to allow the uniforms to be handed down to siblings or to others in the village.

As part of Phase 3, classes 4, 5 and 6 at ARI primary, the smallest of the 3 primaries at just under 100 pupils, are at this moment awaiting their new uniforms, to be fitted next week (10/08/15).



A teacher helps the pupils to look their best for the cameras!



The children with Stella de Ronde, Headteacher and the seamstress, Mathilda.



Boy receiving his new uniform.

ABCDreams (UK) Objectives: 2015 Q3

••• ARI KITCHEN

Further to the ongoing uniform project, thanks to our workers in the village and to my good wife Stella, I have been in the UK since end April raising funds for next year's projects. As well as uniforms and last year's complete renewal of Lyamungo Sinde's toilets, I am now proposing the renewal and refurbishment of the kitchens at ARI Primary as well as industrial cleaning and renewal of the toilets.

Both buildings are bordering on health hazards both for pupils and staff. School kitchens in Tanzania, as in all of Africa I imagine, use the 3-stone fire method. This burns excessive wood and is usually enclosed in a wooden lean-to; a recipe for disaster! My idea is to replace these in all 3 schools with fuel efficient fires for cooking. These can be manufactured/assembled onsite or imported.

At ARI primary I hope to renew not only the fire but the whole kitchen structure. It works OK at the moment but it is a health hazard for the cooks and was only meant as a temporary structure to begin with.

Equally – the toilets, although basically sound suffer from serious termite damage in the roof beams and were never properly finished in the first place, so bare bricks and breezy holes in the walls!

I have started a 'Gofundme' campaign: [click here to view](#). It's a great way to donate. All funds go directly in benefit to the ARI school project, channelled through my network of friendly 'fundis' – the teams that do the work here – thus creating village employment. Everyone benefits! Donations are Gift-aided too!

••• ARI COMPUTERS

Last year we supplied Lyamungo Sinde Primary with two computers and a printer. Mwowe Primary has already been given a used computer suite which I have agreed to maintain. ARI is the only school without. I would like to supply at least 1 pc and a printer there this year. I will be looking for donated equipment so if you have any, please let me know.

••• LYASIKIKA

Last year we supported only orphans and otherwise vulnerable children at primary level. This year of course, 7 of those pupils reached secondary level locally. As secondary school is not yet compulsory, those pupils passing their final exams in the last year of primary are invited to attend. The local secondary is Lyasikika. Thanks again to Morden Rotary colleagues who donated football shirts and shorts. I have sorted them into 2 colour piles so they can furnish 2 teams. What great idea! More soon..

1. New Pictures and paintings from ARI and L.S. Primary
2. Distribute funding and equipment
3. Assess new school uniform programme
4. Develop apps for mobile fundraising
5. Helping Morden Rotary with Lend with care programme
6. Prepare development of vocational centre
7. Assess needs for ARI kitchen and toilets
8. Prepare schools' art works for sale at UK event venues

OUR NEWSLETTER

Welcome to this, my 10th ABCD (UK) newsletter. This quarterly update keeps you in touch with our work, our donors and our children in Tanzania.

My time in Tanzania will, in the next quarter, hopefully prove as successful as the last. I'm looking forward to meeting the new challenges that our increased funding base affords...

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